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introduced.) Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members, could I ask Senator Bourne a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Bourne, have you done...in your research about this, have you looked at how many school districts would be affected? Because you'd have to have at least ten administrators before it...the...your amendment would kick in. Is that correct?

SENATOR BOURNE: That's correct. And Senator Hartnett, I...you know, I tried to make it flexible, I tried to make it broad so that it wouldn't have a huge impact on any particular district. But on the other hand, I think if we're looking towards raising taxes, easing budgets, budget restrictions, things of that nature, I think there has to be give and take on both the supply side, which as I see it is the state, and, you know, the receiving side, which is the school districts. I mean, there has to be some give and take between both sides.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. I think that's, you know, interesting. And I heard Senator Aguilar's...you know, talking earlier, that what Grand Island has done...I suppose we're a victim of our own local situation and so forth. But when I was on the school board in Bellevue, we tried to do what Senator Aguilar...they did in Grand Island, is to have the two principals at two different schools. But the patrons did not like that. So what we did then is that, for the smaller elementary schools, is that we had...which...two units, which means the two grades up to the sixth grade, we would have...if it was...if a person was a principal, then they would have to do some other type of...have some other duties. It could be music, it could be art, it could be whatever the principal's specialty was. So...but when the school...I believe it was two units. In the third unit they would have...we would have full-time principals. And I asked Senator Wehrbein, who lives just south of me, that Plattsmouth,